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Parish, Corps to present Plaquemines levee enlargement plans

NEW ORLEANS -- Restoring hurricane and flood protection to the residents of Plaquemines Parish is the subject of a public meeting planned by the Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with Plaquemines Parish. Engineers and officials from the Corps and Plaquemines will discuss the levee enlargement project planned on the river levee between Port Sulphur and Buras.

They will focus on:

- Levee enlargements
- Project schedules
- Real estate commandeering and compensation
- Future work

The meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium. An open house to look at displays and talk individually to experts will run from 5 to 6 p.m. Parish and Corps staff will give an overview of the planned work at 6 p.m., followed by open discussion until 8:30 p.m.

Landowners with property along the floodwalls of the West Bank River Levee may be affected by this construction. If unable to attend this meeting but would like more information, please contact the Corps' toll free number at 1-866-830-5038.

Contacts also include Plaquemines Parish, Mary Ann Webster at 504-297-5341; and, the Corps' Yvonne Barbier, 504-862-1666. Please also visit the Corps website at http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/tfg/PI_plaquemines.htm.

Task Force Guardian is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers task force charged with the mission to repair to the New Orleans area federal levee system by June 2006.